revenue derived therefrom is about Rs. 12,000. This tank has two sluices where from two main channels and one branch channel run. The total length of these is seven or eight miles. It is incumbent upon the raiyats to undertake the annual repairs to these channels, and unless these repairs are executed, water will not be supplied. As the time of annual repairs coincides with that of the cultivating season, the raiyats find it very difficult to attend to this. The repairing season will be over, the quantity of water in the tank will go down, the supply of water to crops will become insufficient; and many raiyats have been consequently sustaining loss every year. The rate of assessment for these lands is higher than the rate for those under Chik Devarayasagar Channel. It is therefore requested that these circumstances may be taken into consideration and orders issued for the execution of repairs to this channel by the Nala Department and for the running of pipes as is done in the case of other nalas.

Reply of Government.—There is no reason for change and it cannot be sanctioned.

SUBJECT No. 351.

Silt-clearance of river channels.

Mr. Srinivasaiya, Bannur Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The annual repairs and special works are now being done under the supervision of Maramat Department at a heavy outlay. The silt-clearance will not cost more than two per cent of the above expenditure. The Maramat Department instead of undertaking this work compel the land-holders to do it. As this work has to be done just at the time of cultivation, it will not be possible for the cultivators to attend to it. The water will not be allowed to run regularly in the nala and many land-holders in the tail end are ruined. It is therefore prayed that orders may be issued to the Maramat Department to take up silt-clearing work also along with the annual repairs, including it in the estimate for the latter.

Reply of Government.—This subject was only decided the other day, and cannot again be revised.

SUBJECT No. 352.

Extension of the Siriyur Channel in the Hunsur Taluk.

Mr. Narasinga Rio of the Hunsur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The Siriyur Channel in the Hunsur Taluk runs about ten miles; then the water is allowed to run waste into the river Lakshmantirtha. If the channel is extended by two more miles, about 150 acres of fresh lands will be brought under wet cultivation, besides benefiting the people and increasing the Government revenue by Rs. 500.

Reply of Government.—The matter may be represented to Revenue and Deputy Commissioners.